NEWSLETTER

Friday, 6 November 2026
Autumn Term

Dear Families,

Welcome back!

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half term break, and that your children feel refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead. I recognise that school holidays can be a balancing act for many families, often involving the challenge of juggling childcare, family commitments and work responsibilities, and I hope there was still an opportunity to enjoy some quality time together.

We have already made a busy and positive start to the term, with a range of academic, pastoral and co-curricular activities taking place across the school. As always, there is much to look forward to, and we are excited for another productive and rewarding half term ahead.

Keeping Our Field Open for Play
As many of you will have noticed, the recent wet weather means that our field is beginning to become rather muddy. However, we are keen for the children to continue enjoying the many benefits that outdoor play brings, and we are very much committed to keeping the field available for use wherever possible.

To help us do this, we would be grateful if children could bring a pair of named wellies, football boots or other suitable outdoor footwear to keep at school. These can be quickly slipped on and off before and after playtimes, helping children to enjoy the outdoors while keeping classrooms and indoor spaces cleaner. To support this initiative, we have purchased shoe and welly storage holders, allowing footwear to be stored neatly and conveniently in school.

As the weather becomes increasingly unpredictable, we would also ask that all children bring a blue school coat with them each day. It can live here on their peg if that feels easier. This will help to ensure that pupils remain warm, dry and comfortable while continuing to enjoy outdoor learning, play and activities throughout the term.

Thank you for your support. We firmly believe that muddy shoes are often a sign of happy childhood memories, adventurous play and time spent enjoying the fresh air with friends.

Promoting Healthy Smiles

As part of the Government's new Oral Health Scheme, our Nursery, Pre-School and Reception children recently enjoyed a visit from our Oral Health Representative. Clare brought along a wonderful selection of toothbrushes and toothpaste samples, helping to reinforce the importance of good oral hygiene habits from an early age.

We are delighted to share that we have enough supplies remaining to extend this initiative to our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. This supports our Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHEE) curriculum, where learning about oral health, personal hygiene and healthy lifestyles is woven throughout the year.

Next week, children in Years 1 and 2 will be given a toothbrush and toothpaste sample pack from Mrs Brown to take home as a small gift. We hope this helps to encourage positive dental habits and healthy smiles both at school and at home.

Woodard Christmas Card Competition 2026

I am delighted to share that the Woodard Christmas Card Competition 2026 is now open to all pupils. This year's theme is "Emmanuel – God with Us", and we would love to see our pupils' creativity and artistic talents shine through their designs.

The overall winner will receive £100, and their design will be featured on the official Woodard Christmas Card 2026. There will also be prizes for runners-up.

Details have been shared with pupils via Teams, and we encourage everyone to consider entering. The deadline for online submissions is 20th November.

We look forward to seeing the imaginative and thoughtful creations inspired by this year's theme. Good luck to all entrants!

Britons win the Autumn Harvest Competition

Congratulations to Britons House, winners of this year's Autumn Harvest Competition. As a reward for their fantastic effort, Britons pupils will enjoy a special House treat on Monday 9 November from 10.15am to 10.45am, when they will be making fruit sushi with Mr Bell.

If you would prefer your child not to take part in this activity, please email the School Office at worthing@lancing.org.uk.

Annual Firework Celebration

We are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils, parents, families and friends to our Annual Firework Celebration this evening. With gates opening at 5.30pm, we hope it will be a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy a fantastic evening of fun, friendship and fireworks.

A special thank you must go to the Friends and Families of LPW for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication in organising this much-loved event. The countless hours of planning and preparation that take place behind the scenes are greatly appreciated, and we are enormously grateful for their continued support of the school.

We look forward to seeing you there and hope everyone has a memorable evening.

Author Visit: Holly Swain

On Thursday, our Reception to Year 3 pupils were delighted to welcome children's author Holly Swain to LPW. Holly inspired the children with stories about her journey as a writer, shared insights into the creative process, and encouraged everyone to use their imagination in their own storytelling. It was a wonderful opportunity to foster a love of reading and writing, and the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting a real-life author.

There are a few signed books still remaining, so if you'd like to purchase one, please email worthing@lancing.org.uk.

Upcoming Author Visit: The Reverend Richard Coles

We are now looking forward to welcoming The Reverend Richard Coles. Many of you may know Richard as one half of the 1980s pop duo The Communards, whose hit Don't Leave Me This Way became one of the UK's best-selling singles. Since then, he has enjoyed a distinguished career as a writer, broadcaster and Church of England priest. We are excited for our pupils to hear his fascinating story and to be inspired by his wealth of experiences and achievements.

Should you wish to purchase one of Richard's books, copies will be available to order and can be personally signed during his visit. A signed book would make a wonderful Christmas gift for family members or young readers alike, as well as providing a lasting memento of this special occasion.

How to pre-order your book via the Steyning Bookshop Online Store:

1) Go to https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/school-author-events/
2) Add the Rev Richard Coles book to your shopping basket
3) Select 'Local Pickup' (No postage charge, books will be delivered to the school)
4) Enter Billing Address as normal. In Order Notes add Lancing College Prep, Child's Name & Class.

5) Proceed to payment by card or Paypal
6) Books will be handed out to the children at school on Wednesday 25th November

Please order by 4pm on Friday 20th November. If you have problems ordering online, please call the bookshop to order by phone on 01903 812062.

Supporting Turning Tides Through Our Harvest Collection
Before half term, our school community came together to support Turning Tides through our annual Harvest Collection, and I am happy to share that our donations amounted to approximately £275 worth of food and essential items.

We recently received a heartfelt message of thanks from the charity, highlighting just how much these donations mean to those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. Turning Tides explained that our contributions will help provide not only essential items, but also dignity, care and hope to those facing difficult circumstances.

Thank you to all the families who contributed so generously. Your kindness has made a tangible difference to people in our local community and serves as a wonderful example of the compassion and social responsibility that we seek to foster in our pupils.

Poppy Appeal
The time of year is approaching when we take time to remember those who have fallen or have been injured in conflicts worldwide by wearing a poppy.

Poppies and poppy-related merchandise can be purchased from the office over the next week, ahead of our two-minute silence held on Wednesday, 11th November, at breaktime; any donation is welcome.

Lancing College 13+ Open Morning
For families with children in Years 4 and 5 who are beginning to think about their senior school journey, Lancing College will be holding its final stand-alone 13+ Open Morning of this academic year on Saturday 14 November.

This is an excellent opportunity to explore the College, meet staff and pupils, and have questions about senior school transition answered in a friendly and welcoming environment. For pupils hoping to join Lancing College in Year 9 in September 2027, this is also the final opportunity to visit before the scholarship application deadline on 29 November.

Guests should arrive between **9.00am** and **9.25am**, with the morning concluding after a buffet lunch at approximately 1.00pm.
To register, please visit: Open Events - Lancing College

Dates for the Diary:

w/b 9 November is Week A

Monday 9 November

Britons House Win - Fruit sushi-making activity

4.30-7.00pm Year 7 Online Academic Subjects Parents' Evening

Tuesday 10 November

Year 7 pupils will receive an inspiring dance workshop led by Sophie Abazam. The session will provide a wonderful opportunity for pupils to develop their creativity, confidence and performance skills while experiencing expert tuition from a highly experienced dance educator.

11.30am-4.30pm An Afternoon of Art at Lancing College Trip for selected Year 5 and 6 pupils

4.30-5.45pm Year 7 Online Academic Subjects Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11 November

Year 1 Toy Workshop in school

Thursday 12 November

1.45-3.15pm Reception trip to Broadwater Library

2.30pm Year 8 to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Lancing College Theatre

Saturday 14 November

Lancing College 13+ Open Morning

w/b 16 November is Week B

Monday 16 November

Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 17 November

4.15-5.15pm Years 5 -7 Open House for PE, Art, French and Music for parents

Wednesday 18 November

2.00-3.00pm PC Marsden to deliver Introduction to Police, Car and Kit, Safe Strangers to Year 1 and 2

Friday 20 November

9.20-11.20am Firefighters visiting Nursery, Pre-School and Reception

Save the Dates:

Friday 27 November
5.30-7.30pm Friends and Families of LPW Winter Fair

Wednesday 2 December
2.45-3.30pm Pre-Prep Nativity, Hall
Gates open at 2.30pm

Thursday 3 December
3.00-3.30pm Explorers' Corner Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Sing-along, Hall
Gates open at 2.45pm

Friday 11 December
Prep End of Term Service at Lancing College Chapel.
2.45pm Chapel doors open
3.00pm Service starts
Parents are kindly asked to take children home from the Chapel.
No clubs or wraparound on this day.
No evening buses running.

Congratulations to:
Lottie J on her recent achievements in dance and musical theatre. Over half term, Lottie successfully progressed through two further recall rounds for a major West End production and has now earned another recall, placing her amongst a very select group of performers. She has also enjoyed success in competition, achieving 1st place in Musical Theatre and 3rd place in Modern Dance in an online competition for the 7-9 years age category, securing her place in the Championship Finals this January. In addition, competing with her dance school, Lottie and her team achieved 1st place in the Small Group Under-10 Musical Theatre category at both the Southsea and Gosport Dance Festivals.

This week's Word of the Week
Pre-Prep: Gargantuan (adjective)
Prep: Liminal (adjective)

Next week's Word of the Week
Pre-Prep: Bamboozled (adjective)
Prep: Susurrus (noun)

Best wishes,



Francesca Milling

Explore more: Links for Further Information

Notices 6 November:
LPW-NOTICES-6-11-26

Headteacher Awards 14 October-3 November:
LPW-HEADTEACHER-AWARDS-14-10-26-03-11-26

Lunch Menu w/c 2 November:
LPW-LUNCH-MENU-09-11-26

Music Timetables w/c 9 November:
LPW-MUSIC-TIMETABLES-09-11-26